(c) what qualifications are prescribed for such staff, how much financial aid Central Government is giving to the State Government for running such anganwadies; and

(d) what guidelines they have been issued for location of anganwadi Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and b) The anganwadi-level workers of the integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme are the Anganwadi Worker and Helper. Both are voluntary, part-time, honorary workers and are paid honorariam. The amount of honorarium per month for an Anganwadi Worker is Rs. 250/-, if she is a Matriculate, and Rs. 200|- if non-matriculate. The Helper gets an honorarium of Rs. 90/- p.m.

The Anganwadi Worker should be a lady, preferably in the age group 18—44 years, from the same village/area and be acceptable to the local community.

(c) The Anganwadi Worker should preferably be a Matriculate. However, if a local woman with this qualification is not available a less qualified—and even illiterate—local woman can be appointed as such a Worker. The entire expenditure of an anganwadi, except the nutrition component, is borne by the Government of India. Expenditure on the nutrition component is met from State Governments' resources.

(d) In an ICDS Project area, an anganwadi is set up in a village/cluster of slums having a sizeable population so that it caters roughly to a population of upto 1000 in rural/urban areas and upto 700 in tribal areas. A village with a population exceeding 1000 in rural areas and 700 in tribal area may have more than one anganwadi.

Banning irrational drugs

†2350. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Drugs Controller banned irrational drug combinations some years ago;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in Bihar Ethico Pharmaceuticals is selling an INH plus Rifampicin combination under the trademark Montonex and in Maharashtra Lupin Laboratories is selling an Ethambutol and Isoniazed combination under the trademark Combinex 800;

(c) if so, what clinical tests have been undertaken for these cobinations;

(d) whether Government approved their commercialization; and

(e) if not, what steps Government propose to take to ban them from the market?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has prohibited the manufacture and sale of 26 drugs and drug combinations.

(b) to (e) Fixed dose combinations of Rifampicin plus INH has been permitted to be marketed in the country by the Drugs Controller (India) after consulting the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Maharashtra State, has given permission to maufacture and market the combination of Ethambutol plus INH commercially after obtaining the opinion of the experts.

No clinical trials with the combination of Rifampicin plus INH were undertaken. Rifampicin plus INH is official in USP XXI edition and is being marketed in many countries including U.K.

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